

vacancy in the office after the election, the commissioners shall elect some other person as mayor for the term or the unexpired portion of the term, as the case may be; and on all like occasions and in like manner the commissioners shall elect other commissioners to supply the place or places of such as shall fail or refuse to qualify, and fill all vacancies which shall occur in the said board of commissioners.

Special election  
on failure of  
regular election.

SEC. 15. That in case of a failure to elect municipal officers, towit, a mayor and four commissioners, at the election hereinbefore provided for, or either of them, on the first Tuesday in May, the electors residing within the town may, after two weeks notice signed by ten qualified voters and posted at the postoffice door in said town and four other public places therein, and advertised in a newspaper published in said town, if there be one published therein, proceed to hold an election for such mayor, or commissioners, or either of them, in the manner provided in the Revisal of North Carolina, one thousand nine hundred and eight, chapter seventy-three, which mayor and commissioners, or either of them, shall immediately qualify and hold their offices till their successors are elected and have qualified.

Mayor an inferior  
court.  
Jurisdiction.

SEC. 16. That the mayor is hereby constituted an inferior court, and as such shall, within the corporate limits of the town, have all the powers, jurisdiction, and authority of justices of the peace in criminal actions, to issue process, to hear and determine all causes of action which may arise upon the ordinances, by-laws, and regulations of the town; to enforce penalties by issuing execution on any adjudged violation of the same; and to execute the by-laws, ordinances, and regulations of the board of commissioners. The mayor shall further be a special court within the corporate limits of the town of Benson to arrest all persons who are charged with a misdemeanor for violating any ordinance of the town, and if the accused be found guilty he shall be fined, in the discretion of the mayor or court, not exceeding the amount in the ordinance or ordinances violated, or, in the discretion of the court, the offender may be imprisoned not more than thirty days in the town lock-up or in the common jail of the county, and that in all cases where a defendant may be adjudged to be imprisoned by said court, the court may, in its discretion, adjudge also that the said defendant be worked during his imprisonment on the public streets or other public works of the town or county.

Special court.  
Jurisdiction.

Sentences.

Precepts of  
mayor.

SEC. 17. That precepts may be issued by the mayor to the chief of police or other policeman of the town, and to such other officers as the justices of the peace of Johnston County may issue their precepts.

Dockets.

SEC. 18. That the mayor shall keep a docket on which he shall enter all warrants, precepts, and orders issued by him, together with all his judicial proceedings; and judgments rendered by him

Effect of judgments.